(c) Yes, Sir. HSCL had received a demand from the Libyan clients for encashment of 4 bank guarantees.

(d) Reasons for non-performance are several including non-payment/delays in payment of bills by the Libyan clients, drastic changes in Libyan local regulations and nationalisation of business, including transport industry, leading to step hike in prices, restnictions in imports, changes in repatriation rates, and delays in taking over completed works by the Libyan clients etc.

(e) No decision has so far been taken.

(f) Total loss will depend on the decision taken and final outcome thereof.

Estimated Rabi crop

*191. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the esimated Rabi Crop for the year 1987-88 and the short fall, if any, from the target;

(b) whether the quantity of foodgrains procured during the year 1987-88 is adequate to meet the demand; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to import foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : (a) Firm estimates of producton of rabi crops for the crop year 1987-88 are not yet due from the States.

(b) and (c) A quantity of 6.4 million tonnes of rice and 3.1 million tonnes of wheat has been procured out of the production in 1987-88, as on 3.5.1988. However, with a view to replenish the buffer stocks, the Government has recently finalised imports of one million tonnes of wheat from the United States.

Plans for basic amenities in slums in the country

*192. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it appears likely that slums would continue for long in some form or other and therefore Government are thinking to provide them some basic amenities; and

(b) if so, what plans Government have in this regard and the targets fixed for 1988-89 and the coming year?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Considering that urban slums cannot be completely eradicated in the near future, the present policy of the Government emphasises environmental improvement of urban slums *in situ*, rather than their massive clearance or relocation.

(b) Basic amenities like drinking water supply, sewers, storm water drains, community baths and latrines, widening and paving of existing lanes street lighting etc. are provided in urban slums under the State Sector Scheme of Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (ETUS. Against the 7th Plan target of coverage of 9 million slum dwellers under the scheme 5.73 million slum dwellers have been covered during the first three years. The balance is expected to be covered during the last two years of the Plan.

Unclaimed deposits with the Provident Fund Commissioners

*193. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge sums of deposits had been laying unclaimed with the Employees Provident Fund Commissioner in the country;